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April 25, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro & Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$818,362.30 in funding to promote agribusiness development through training, technical assistance, and access to capital for new and expanding agribusinesses.

The project sponsor is the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and is located at 1900 Kanawha Blvd. East, Charleston WV 25305.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to provide technical support, resources, and training for startup and scale-up agribusinesses to increase their production. Furthermore, this program will connect producers with market opportunities to grow their sales and provide financial support for these qualifying agribusinesses. This program will allow farmers and agribusiness to apply for "mini-grants," which provide access to capital, which remains a top barrier to launching or growing an agribusiness.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



David B. McKinley, P.E.  
Member of Congress